

Elections “Frequently Asked Questions”

Q. I would like to campaign for an elected official. Is that ok?

A. Yes, as long as you do not campaign during work hours, do not use Idaho Judicial Branch resources such as equipment or materials, and do not represent your personal opinions as those of the judiciary. Engaging in political activity shall be done strictly as a private citizen and only in accordance with state law. Employees shall not use their position or title within the court system to influence others.

Q. Is it all right if I display bumper stickers, badges, pamphlets, or yard signs in support of a particular candidate?

A. Yes, as long they are not displayed on state property and in view of the public in such a way to indicate your opinions are those of the Judiciary. If you are parking in state parking lots, you should not display campaign materials on your car.

Q. Am I allowed to donate money to a campaign or political party as a Judicial Branch employee?

A. Yes, as an individual you are allowed to donate money to a campaign. It is not required that you donate money; retaliation against anyone who chooses not to donate is prohibited.

Q. People know I work for the Idaho Judicial Branch. What should I do if someone asks me who they should vote for?

A. Maintain neutrality and let people know where they can find information about all the candidates to make an educated voting decision. It is acceptable to express your personal opinion on your own time, but it is important that you not express your opinions in ways which may appear to be the opinions of the Idaho Judicial Branch.